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In re: Baxter et al.

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INTERFACE

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Applicants provide the present response to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003 and pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.